

Claims

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1. A system for the management of the distribution of digital data files, comprising:

(A) a user digital data storage device;

(B) a server computer device;

(C) a network providing communication between said user digital data storage device and said server computer device; and

(D) an agent stored on a device selected from the group consisting of said user digital data storage device, said server computer device and an additional electronic device, said agent being capable of detecting a particular file and swapping particular files out and replacing said particular file with a new file.

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2.A system for the management of the distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 1, wherein said user digital data storage device is selected from the group consisting of a personal computer, an audio player, a video player, a digital data access and display device.

[c3]

3.A system for the management of the distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 1, wherein said user digital storage device further comprises:

(1)a database of stored digital content files;

(2)a communications application program;

(3)a candidate database;

(4)a query database;

each of said database of stored digital content files, communications application program, said candidate database and said query database being stored on a read/write storage device.

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4.A system for the management of the distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 1, wherein said network is selected from the group consisting of the Internet, a local area network, a wireless network and a wide area network.

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5. A system for the management of the distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 1, wherein said agent further detects an unlicensed data file.

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6.A system for the management of the distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 1, wherein said agent further detects an upgradeable data file.

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7.A system for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 1, wherein said agent further replaces said particular file with a new file that is a licensed file.

[c8]

8. A system for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 1, wherein said agent further replaces said particular file with a new file that is an upgraded file.

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9. A system for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 1, wherein said agent further provides a user with a clip preview of said new file.

[c10]

10. A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, comprising:

(A) detecting a particular file;

(B) determining if a file associated with said particular file is available in a database;

(C) determining if a user wishes said associated file to replace said particular file;

(D) if the user wishes said particular file be replaced with said associated file,

transferring said associated file to a digital data storage device; and

(E) removing said particular file from said digital data storage device.

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11.A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 10, wherein said particular file is an unlicensed file.

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12.A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 10, wherein said particular file is an upgradeable file.

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13.A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 10, wherein said associated file is a licensed file associated with said particular file.

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14.A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 10, wherein said associated file is an upgraded file associated with said particular file.

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15.A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 10, wherein said determination of the user's wish further comprises providing a clip of said associated file.

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16.A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 10, wherein said determination of the user's wish further comprises receiving permission to transfer said associated file to said digital data storage device.

[c17]

17.A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 10, wherein said detecting a particular file further comprises:

(1)searching for a digital data file; and

(2)determining if said digital data file is authorized.

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18.A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 17, wherein said digital data file is authorized if said digital data file is licensed and up-to-date.

[c19]

19. A method for the management of distribution of digital data files, as recited in claim 10, wherein said particular file is selected from the group consisting of audio files, video files, text files, graphics files, multimedia files, program files and combinations of said audio, video text and graphics files.